

WILFRED EDWARD "COUSIN WILLIE" SIEG, SR. POST OFFICE ACT

The bill (H.R. 5169) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1310 Highway 64 NW. in Ramsey, Indiana, as the "Wilfred Edward 'Cousin Willie' Sieg, Sr. Post Office," was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### SERGEANT JACOB DAN DONES POST OFFICE ACT

The bill (H.R. 5540) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 217 Southeast 2nd Street in Dimmitt, Texas, as the "Sergeant Jacob Dan Dones Post Office," was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### ESTATE TAX AND EXTENSION OF TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2006—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to Calendar No. 562, H.R. 5970, the bill that relates to the death tax, minimum wage increase, and other tax provisions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I object on behalf of the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I move to proceed to H.R. 5970, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 5970: a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

Bill Frist, Michael Crapo, Lamar Alexander, Richard C. Shelby, Sam Brownback, Saxby Chambliss, Chuck Hagel, Tom Coburn, Richard Burr, Orrin Hatch, Thad Cochran, John Ensign, David Vitter, Pat Roberts, Craig Thomas, Jeff Sessions, Mel Martinez.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this vote will occur on Friday morning, unless changed by agreement, and we will announce the exact time for that vote as we get closer to it. In the meantime, I now withdraw the motion to proceed so we can return to the Defense appropriations bill over the next 24 hours.

Again, I believe the two managers will be able to work together over the next 24 to 48 hours and finish the De-

fense bill prior to the cloture vote on Friday. Therefore, I now withdraw the motion to proceed to H.R. 5970.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I will suggest the absence of a quorum here shortly while we work through a few remaining items of business before closing for the day.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 836 through 840, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and the Navy. Finally, I ask unanimous consent the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Kevin T. Campbell, 6308

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Robert T. Dail, 5056

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 5043 and 601: to be General

#### To be general

Lt. Gen. James T. Conway, 2270

#### IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Michael H. Mittelman, 0205

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade

indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin, III, 5848

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

#### IN THE AIR FORCE C-PN

PN1821 AIR FORCE nominations (87) beginning Gary L. Akins, and ending Glenn Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2006.

PN1853 ARMY nomination of David W. Wilson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 27, 2006.

PN1854 ARMY nomination of Lisa M. Weide, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 27, 2006.

PN1855 ARMY nomination of Kerry K. King, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 27, 2006.

PN1856 ARMY nomination of Lawrence N. Petz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 27, 2006.

PN1857 ARMY nomination of Yolanda Ruizisales, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 27, 2006.

PN1858 ARMY nominations (26) beginning Paul G. Arbour, and ending James M. Zarlengo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 27, 2006.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS C-PN

PN1859 MARINE CORPS nomination of Robert J. Gallagher, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 27, 2006.

#### IN THE NAVY C-PN

PN1822 NAVY nomination of Ben M. Smith, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2006.

PN1823 NAVY nomination of Sidney E. Hall, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2006.

PN1824 NAVY nomination of Dawn M. Divano, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2006.

PN1825 NAVY nomination of Michael J. Lavelle, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2006.

PN1826 NAVY nomination of Gary C. Norman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2006.

PN1827 NAVY nominations (3) beginning Neal D. Agamalte, and ending David C. Kleinberg, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 18, 2006.

PN1837 NAVY nominations (20) beginning Gregory R. Bart, and ending Gregory J. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 21, 2006.

PN1838 NAVY nominations (55) beginning Rickie V. Adside, and ending Michael J. Zerbo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 21, 2006.

PN1839 NAVY nominations (88) beginning Anibal L. Acevedo, and ending Theresa M. Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 21, 2006.

PN1840 NAVY nominations (4) beginning Thomas M. Dailey, and ending Toby C.